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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 forms is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 forms, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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